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M/023/0067

West Desert Mine

West Desert Granite

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Mon, May 12, 2014 at 4:16 PM
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Duane,

this email is a follow up to a phone conversation that we had today.

The Division wants to forfeit the reclamation bond for the West Desert Mine M/023/0067 West Desert Granite L.C. - George Finnegan.

The mine has been inactive for over 10 years and the Operator has failed to post adequate bond.

The BLM and the Division should work together to resolve the issue. Please let the Division know if the BLM concurs with the bond forfeiture.

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Bays, Duane <dbays@blm.gov>

Tue, May 13, 2014 at 7:25 AM

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Good morning,

I'll recommend to our management that the BLM concur with bond forfeiture. I haven't heard from Mr. Finnegan since February, shortly after the UDOGM and the BLM met with him at the UDOGM offices in Salt Lake City.

On our end, we'll need to discuss what should be done with the reclamation bond, since the site is part of a Community Pit which is in the authorization process. The Community Pit, UTU-78277, was platted prior to the location of Mr. Finnegan's mining claim and therefore has a superior right. The pile of broken rock at the site may be purchased by users of the Community Pit and does not need reclamation, but the reclamation bond may possibly be applied to other reclamation tasks.

Best wishes,

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Tue, May 13, 2014 at 8:07 AM

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Duane,

I would concur with your recommendation to commence forfeiture procedures for Mr. Finnegan's bond. Please keep in mind that the reclamation bond can only be used to reclaim Mr. Finnegan's disturbance. If you do not want to reclaim a portion of Mr. Finnegan's disturbance because of the community pit designation then you must calculate this additional disturbance into the reclamation and mining plan for the community pit. The reclamation cost should increase based on the additional reclamation work. If there is any of Mr. Finnegan's reclamation bond for his mining activity left after reclamation of his notice/plan of operations disturbance then that must be returned. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me.

Thanks for keeping me in the loop.

Terry

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Terry Snyder

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